

# JK Rowling will liberate Scottish women

The author has given the courage to thousands of others to stand up for their rights



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In fact, it's a woman who is most likely to end in the dock CREDIT: Patrick Blower

Ididn't think I could love JK Rowling any more than I currently do, because it's already a fair bit. But this champion of women's rights, who has introduced countless women across the generations to feminism in recent years, has scored a blinder. She is now challenging Scottish police to arrest her for her defiance of Scotland's new hate crime law.

For those that have been in a coma recently, this week saw the introduction of an absolutely bonkers piece of legislation that has been subject to as much derision as it has anger. The law, aptly brought in on April Fools' Day, is within the "hate crime" category, where somebody

convicted of stirring up hatred could face a fine and a prison term of up to seven years.

But here is the rub – the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act is a “non-crime” offence. Confused? So is everyone else. The legislation – passed by the Scottish Parliament in 2021 with votes from SNP, Labour, Green, and Lib Dem MSPs (and even one Conservative) – appears to be based on a person’s perception that someone is being hateful towards them.

This will likely encourage trans activists, for example, to report women to the police for “misgendering” them. Although the First Minister said that he has “absolute faith” in the ability of police officers to weed out vexatious complaints, I doubt it, bearing in mind the capture of so much of Scottish society and its institutions by gender lunatics.

Either way, this is about reporting people for offending on the grounds of age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, and transgender identity. Notice what’s missing? Yes! Pesky women, but why on earth would anyone concern themselves with misogyny?

Rowling, who has been outspoken about transgender ideology and its adverse effect on women and girls for some time, posted a series of tweets on X on Monday, in which she pointed out that the double rapist, Isla Bryson, and child sex offender Katie Dolatowski are actually men not women. Rowling also mentioned Mridul Wadhwa, the head of a Scottish rape crisis centre who is a male in a role that should be occupied by a woman.

After her caustic humour, for example, “Lovely Scottish lass and convicted double rapist Isla Bryson found her true authentic female self shortly before she was due to be sentenced,” Rowling turned serious:

“Scottish lawmakers seem to have placed higher value on the feelings of men performing their idea of femaleness, however misogynistically or opportunistically, than on the rights and freedoms of actual women and girls,” she posted.

“The new legislation is wide open to abuse by activists who wish to silence those of us speaking out about the dangers of eliminating women’s and girls’ single-sex spaces, the nonsense made of crime data if violent and sexual assaults committed by men are recorded as female crimes, the grotesque unfairness of allowing males to compete in female sports, the injustice of women’s jobs, honours and opportunities being taken by trans-identified men, and the reality and immutability of biological sex.”

Rowling speaks for me, countless other women, and a number of men who have woken up to the misogynistic nature of trans activism. She has exposed the spiteful actions of many ideologues towards feminists that dare speak out, and refuse to go along with men in women’s spaces, or

the legislation that concerns itself with the hurt feelings of men claiming to be women over the safety of actual females.

This new piece of legislation considers men feeling offended as being more important than our legal right to single sex spaces. It puts into question our right to name men as men. It also gives even more ammunition to misogynists, many of them masquerading as progressives, who wish to give women a good metaphorical (and in some cases, actual), kicking.

Before Rowling spoke out publicly about the madness of gender ideology, many of us were fighting the good fight. But it is impossible to put into words the huge positive impact her public proclamations have had on this debate. Whenever I travel to research articles on violence against women and girls, to countries such as Uganda, Ecuador, Spain and the United States, women almost always mention Rowling. They tell me how inspired and supported they feel by her standing with them on this issue.

Whilst still retaining the crown as one of the most famous and successful writers on the planet, Rowling will go down in history as a feminist revolutionary who brought about change that had been previously almost impossible to imagine before she decided that enough was enough.

It is clear that Rowling is not bluffing – she will see this through to the bitter end. Her entire *raison d'être* in calling to be arrested is to test the law and show how unworkable, ridiculous and offensive it is. She also is very clear that by speaking out, she does it for all of those women who cannot, because they risk losing their livelihood, their reputations, or even being arrested themselves.

The SNP, beginning with Nicola Sturgeon and her insistence that men self-identifying as women would pose no risk to females in refuges, prisons and changing rooms, through to this Orwellian madness, have taken Scotland to the precipice.

The stakes are so high that the unimaginable becomes possible, in that women, the one group whose “protected characteristics” appear to be missing from the list covered by this law, could be sent to prison for seven years for offending a man who claims to be a woman by pointing out the obvious.

I, and countless other feminists, hope Rowling gets arrested. It will further expose the law for what it is.